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SUBJ: BULGARIANS REFUSE WASHINGTON POST REQUEST FOR TOP LEVEL  
INTERVIEW

1. EMBASSY SUGGESTED LAST YEAR THAT US CORRESPONDENT  
BASED BELGRADE SHOULD SEEK INTERVIEW WITH BULGARIAN  
LEADERSHIP ALONG LINES OF LAST YEAR'S WASHINGTON STAR INTERVIEW  
WITH CZECH LEADERSHIP.

2. DAN MORGAN OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTS THAT DESPITE  
ALL- OUT EFFORT, INCLUDING LUNCH FOR AMBASSADOR ZDRAVCHEV  
HOSTED BY POST PUBLISHER KATHERINE GRAHAM, GOB REJECTED  
IDEA. BULGARIAN PRESS ATTACHE BELGRADE TOLD MORGAN  
TEN DAYS AGO THAT, " LEADERSHIP IS VERY BUSY AND WILL  
BE BUSY FOR A LONG, LONG TIME."

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ZHIVKOV ILLNESS COULD EXPLAIN  
TURNDOWN IN HIS CASE, MORGAN ALSO REQUESTED INTERVIEWS  
WITH TODOROV AND FONMIN MLADENOV. BULGARIAN REFUSAL,  
THEREFORE, IS CONSCIOUS DECISION NOT TO ACCEPT UNIQUE  
OPPORTUNITY TO STATE TO IMPORTANT US AUDIENCE THEIR  
DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS. PUBLISHER GRAHAM, BY  
THE WAY PROMISED TO USE ZHIVKOV INTERVIEW AS FRONTPAGE  
STORY.

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